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Hi Bob,

We talked internally and discussed the protectiveness for OUV at BNL and why it was short-term protective. Here is the reasoning; nothing to do with PFAS but with vegetation and fish tissue sampling.

**Operable Unit V – Short-Term Protective**

Operable Unit V has a Short-Term Protective determination based on the need stated in the Five Year Review for completing vegetation sampling, as well as on a request from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to sample fish in the Peconic River for mercury and PCBs. Recommendations for this OU include the sampling of vegetation and fish tissue. Details of the sampling plan will be documented in an updated Peconic River Fish Surveillance Monitoring Data Quality Objective, and the protectiveness of the OUV remedy will be reevaluated based on this data.

Thanks!

Sharon